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## President's Address

### Hello ASHRAE Oregon!

This month, we had the joy of reintroducing a piece of chapter history: **the ASHRAE Oregon Bell**. Gifted to our chapter in 1952 by an ASHRAE chapter in Switzerland, the bell once opened every meeting before disappearing. Now it has been found, restored, and proudly rang again to open our September technical session: "**The (Un)Ethical Engineer**" presented by ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturer Devin Abellon.

Devin delivered challenging ethical dilemmas in a thought-provoking and entertaining way. Anyone who's seen him present knows he brings a unique, playful twist to everything he does. Writing this recap almost feels like reviewing a performance — because that's what it was! We had a fantastic evening at StormBreaker Brewing with thoughtful discussion (and plenty of laughs) about professional integrity in our industry. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

Looking ahead, we're back at StormBreaker on **October 8th** for a program that's part of Sustainable Buildings Week. We're excited to welcome Rachel Wrublik, Associate at PAE, to present **Whole Life Carbon: Integrating Operational, Fugitive, and Embodied Emissions**. Rachel is a leading voice on embodied carbon and emissions in MEP systems, and her work is helping shape how our industry tackles the climate impacts of building systems. More details are inside this issue — you won't want to miss this one.

We've also got some exciting social events coming up:

- October 11: The YEA and Student Activities Committees are hosting an OSU Tailgate with tickets available for purchase and transportation organized from Portland to the game and back. (Check inside for details — contacts are Zach Harrison and Logan Moldenhauer.)
- November 7: Research Promotion is finalizing our second Clay Shooting Event, with proceeds benefiting ASHRAE Society-wide research. (Details inside — contact Elsa Harder.)

As always, thank you for being part of this community. Your presence, your feedback, and your support are keeping our chapter ringing on with the same spirit that connects us with our members from past and present!

### Upcoming Events / Dates:

**October 2, 2025:** ASHRAE Cascades Section Technical Meeting: "**Heat Pump Chillers**," presented by Rand Conger, Johnson Barrows. Waypoint Hotel, Bend, Oregon. 11:45am - 1:00pm.

**October 8, 2025:** ASHRAE Oregon Chapter Meeting: "**Whole Life Carbon - Integrating Operational, Fugitive, and Embodied Emissions**." Presented by Rachel Wrublik. StormBreaker Brewing. 4:30pm-8:00pm.

**October 9, 2025:** ASHRAE Oregon Board of Governors Meeting. PAE Living Building/Hybrid. 4:30pm - 6:00pm.

**October 11, 2025:** YEA/ Student Activities OSU Tailgate Party. Corvallis.

*Madeline Giovagnoli*

Madeline Giovagnoli  
ASHRAE Oregon Chapter President



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# 2025-26 ASHRAE OREGON LEADERSHIP

**Chapter President:** Madeline Giovagnoli  
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**Newsletter Chair:** Devin Abellon

**Cascades Section President:** Thomas Kelly  
**Cascades Section Vice President/ President Elect:** Kyle Swenson  
**Cascades Section Secretary:** Jack-Ryan Hilton  
**Cascades Section Treasurer:** Eric Tabert

## JOIN THE FUN AND VOLUNTEER!

ASHRAE is a volunteer organization comprised of volunteer members serving the local chapter, region and Society. Our chapter cannot continue to thrive without our volunteers. Volunteering at the local chapter level is a tremendously rewarding way to give back to our industry and is a great way to network with the professionals in our local market. It also provides a wonderful opportunity to develop leadership and organizational skills! Some members may be hesitant to volunteer because they don't feel they have the time, but there are a lot of positions that only require a minimal number of hours per month.

If you are interested in learning about opportunities to get involved in this dynamic chapter, please reach out to **Madeline Giovagnoli** at: [madeline.giovagnoli@pae-engineers.com](mailto:madeline.giovagnoli@pae-engineers.com).

Here are just a few examples of the different chapter committees you can be a part of:

- **Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA) Committee:** Be part of the team that plans social and educational events for young professionals. Bowling? Happy Hours? Trivia? Hiking? PE Exam prep? What other events can we plan?
- **Student Activities:** Volunteer to help plan events to help introduce STEM to K-12 and college students! Help promote scholarship opportunities. This is great committee to jump into (especially for parents who have school-aged children).
- **Research Promotion:** Help raise funds through campaigns and events (golf and more!) to support ASHRAE's research efforts!
- **Membership Promotion:** Join the committee that recruits and manages members for our local chapter!!
- **Newsletter:** Do you have an eye for graphic design? Be part of the 2nd oldest publication in ASHRAE: The Oregon Diffuser!!
- **Willamette Section:** Are you a member in the Eugene/Springfield area who wants to get involved, but doesn't want to drive up to the Portland Metro area everytime there is an event? Let's start planning meetings and events for the local community!

# 2025-26 CALENDAR

Please note that dates/events are subject to change. Calendar will be updated throughout the year.  
Please check the chapter website for details and sign up information.

## ASHRAE Oregon

**October 2, 2025:** ASHRAE Cascades Section Technical Meeting: **"Heat Pump Chillers,"** presented by Rand Conger, Johnson Barrows. Waypoint Hotel, Bend, Oregon. 11:45am - 1:00pm.

**October 8, 2025:** ASHRAE Oregon Chapter Meeting. Sustainability Week Topic: **"Whole Life Carbon - Integrating Operational, Fugitive, and Embodied Emissions."** Presented by Rachel Wrublik. StormBreaker Brewing. 4:30pm-8:00pm.

**October 9, 2025:** ASHRAE Oregon Board of Governors Meeting. Hybrid. 4:30pm - 6:00pm.

**October 11, 2025:** YEA/Student Activities Oregon State Football Tailgate.

**November 7, 2025:** ASHRAE Oregon Clay Shooting Competition.

**November 12, 2025:** ASHRAE Oregon Board of Governors Meeting. Hybrid. 4:30pm - 6:00pm.

**November 13, 2025:** ASHRAE Cascades Section Technical Meeting: **"Radiant Heating and Cooling System Design,"** presented by Devin Abellon, PacWest Sales. Waypoint Hotel, Bend, Oregon. 11:30am - 1:00pm.

**December 2025:** ASHRAE Cascades Section: Winter Social with AIA Bend.

**December 4, 2025:** ASHRAE Oregon Chapter Meeting. CFD Workshop.

**December 10, 2025:** ASHRAE Oregon Board of Governors Meeting. Hybrid. 4:30pm - 6:00pm.

**January 14, 2026:** ASHRAE Oregon Board of Governors Meeting. Hybrid. 4:30pm - 6:00pm.

**January 22, 2025:** ASHRAE Oregon Technical Meeting. Controls Discussion.

**February 11, 2026:** ASHRAE Oregon Board of Governors Meeting. Hybrid. 4:30pm - 6:00pm.

**February 19, 2025:** ASHRAE Oregon Technical Meeting. **"Sustainable Systems: Finding Your Solution."**

**March 11, 2026:** ASHRAE Oregon Board of Governors Meeting. Hybrid. 4:30pm - 6:00pm.

**March:** ASHRAE Oregon Technical Event: SMACNA/ASHRAE Joint Event and Lab Tour.

**April 8, 2026:** ASHRAE Oregon Board of Governors Meeting. Hybrid. 4:30pm - 6:00pm.

**April 23, 2026:** ASHRAE Oregon Technical Meeting: TBA

**May 13, 2026:** ASHRAE Oregon Board of Governors Meeting. Hybrid. 4:30pm - 6:00pm.

**May 21, 2026:** ASHRAE Oregon Technical Meeting: **Past Presidents Night**

**June 10, 2026:** ASHRAE Oregon Board of Governors Meeting. Hybrid. 4:30pm - 6:00pm.

**June 11, 2026:** ASHRAE Oregon Technical Meeting: **"Our Story This Year! ASHRAE Oregon Fiscal Year Recap."**

**November 3, 2025:** Registration opens for 2026 Women in ASHRAE Leadership Symposium.

**November 11, 2025:** Fall Board of Directors Meeting. Remote.

**December 1, 2025:** Deadline for ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturer applications.

**December 1, 2025:** Deadline for ASHRAE Scholarships.

**December 1, 2025:** Deadline for award nominations: Louise and Bill Holladay Distinguished Fellow Award, Andrew T Boggs Service Award, Eunice Foote Decarbonization Award, Distinguished 50-year Member Award, Distinguished 75-year member Award, Exceptional Service Award, Distinguished Service Award.

**December 8-11, 2025:** 2025 Buildings XVI Conference. Cleawater Beach, Florida.

**January 31-February 4, 2026:** 2026 ASHRAE Winter Conference. Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, Nevada. Register now!

**February 2-4, 2026:** 2026 AHR Expo. Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**February 13, 2026:** Nominations close for 2026-27 Board-Appointed Committee positions.

**April 13-14, 2026:** 2026 Women in ASHRAE Leadership Symposium. Los Angeles, California. Registration opens November 3, 2025.

Did we miss something? If you have an event you'd like added to the calendar, please email [dabellon@pwsigroup.com](mailto:dabellon@pwsigroup.com)

## ASHRAE Society

**October 10, 2025:** Registration closes for YEA Leadership Weekend. Seattle, Washington.

**October 22-24, 2025:** 2025 ASHRAE Building Decarbonization Conference. Chicago, Illinois.

**November 7-8, 2025:** YEA Leadership Weekend. Seattle, Washington.

# OCTOBER PROGRAM



## Whole Life Carbon

Integrating Operational, Fugitive,  
and Embodied Emissions

October 8, 2025

Location: StormBreaker Brewing

Presented By:



Rachel Wrublik, PE, LEED AP  
Mechanical Engineer | Associate  
PAE

## October Chapter Meeting

October 8, 2025

### Whole Life Carbon: Integrating Operational, Fugitive, and Embodied Emissions

This session explores whole life carbon through a systems-thinking lens, moving from ecosystem-level to building lifecycle phases. Attendees will learn about gaps in current lifecycle assessment (LCA) frameworks and the challenges of capturing full carbon impacts, particularly for MEP systems. The session highlights key emission categories and strategies to integrate operational, refrigerant, and embodied emissions into a comprehensive whole life carbon approach.

**Location: StormBreaker Brewing, 832 N Beech St, Portland, OR 97227**

**Date and time: Wed, Oct 8, 2025 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

#### Sustainability Week Technical Event Registration

Price: \$45.00

Dinner and Free Drink included

#### Drink Ticket Sponsor

Price: \$500.00

Helps cover beverages during the meeting. Your company will be acknowledged with signage at the bar and a thank-you during opening announcements. Optional opportunity to provide branded drink tickets or small giveaways.

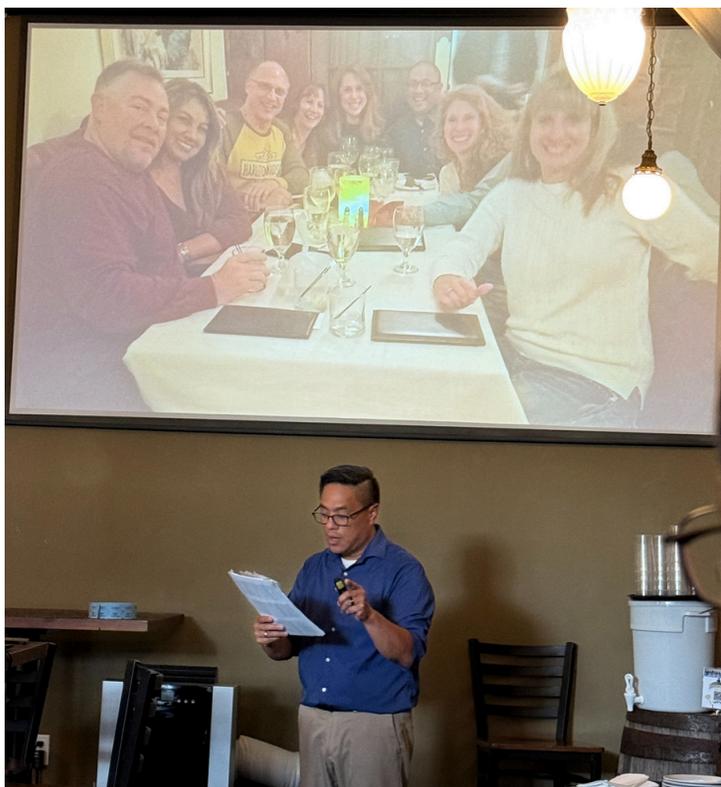
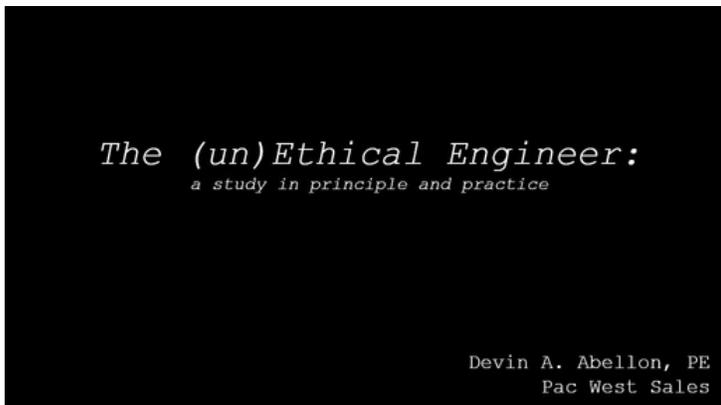
# SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP

## The (un)Ethical Engineer

September 18, 2025

The integrity of the HVAC industry is dependent on sound technical design, reliable products, skilled construction practice and consistent maintenance and operation. But another critical element that is sometimes overlooked is professional ethics. As members within the HVAC industry engineers, contractors, architects, manufacturers, vendors and building owners are expected to exhibit the highest standard of honesty and integrity to safeguard the confidence that the public has in us. In this very competitive climate, however, it is sometimes tempting to "bend the rules" to some degree in order to gain an advantage over competition or to simply get the job done on time. But how much is too much? Is there a clearly defined line between ethical practice and "just the way things are done?"

ASHRAE Distinguished Lecturer Devin Abellon, PE presented "The (un)Ethical Engineer", an unconventional dramatic presentation that explored these issues through the eyes of a well-intentioned engineer at the October meeting at StormBreaker Brewing.



# CASCADES SECTION



## October Technical Meeting

October 2, 2025

11:45am - 1:00pm

Waypoint Hotel, Bend

1415 NE 3rd St, Bend, OR



## "Heat Pump Chillers: What, Why, and How"

Mark your calendar for October 2nd when Rand Conger, PE from Johnson-Barrow will present "Heat Pump Chillers: What, Why, and How". Rand will cover current market drivers, refrigerant phaseouts, energy storage, and design strategies for making these systems work across different climates. We hope to see you there!

### Meeting Agenda:

11:45 AM: Doors Open, Networking, Lunch

12:00 PM: Presentation and Q&A

1:00 PM: Meeting Adjourns

The ASHRAE Cascades Section is led by a group of local industry volunteers. We are always looking for ways to connect with our community and enhance the experience of our members. If you are interested in sponsoring or presenting at any future meetings, or if you would like to get involved or provide input, please don't hesitate to reach out and contact us. We would love to hear from you!



Thomas Kelly  
Section President



Kyle Swenson  
Section VP/ President-Elect



Jack-Ryan Hilton  
Section Secretary



Eric Tabert  
Section Treasurer

**PRESENTS:**  
**YEA/SAC**  
**FOOTBALL TAILGATE**



**WAKE FOREST VS OREGON STATE**

**11 OCTOBER 2025 | 12:30 PM**  
**RESER STADIUM**

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# YEA / STUDENT ACTIVITIES EVENT

## YEA OSU Tailgate

Join us for a tailgate at Reser Stadium as Oregon State Football hosts Wake Forest! Meet your ASHRAE Oregon peers of the present and future, as we are joined by current and prospective members of the student branch from Oregon State. Food and drinks will be provided, and optional transportation will be available to and from the Portland metro area. We look forward to seeing you all there and go Beavs!!

**Location:** Parking Lot Adjacent to Wilkinson Hall, 2601 NW Orchard Ave, Corvallis, OR 97330, Corvallis, OR 97331

**Date and time:** Sat, Oct 11, 2025 9:30 AM

**Organizer:** ASHRAE Oregon Chapter, orashrae@gmail.com

### TICKETS

**ASHRAE Member:** OSU vs. WFU Tailgate with Transportation

Price: \$80.00

ASHRAE Member Ticket - Prices includes admission to OSU vs. WFU game, food, drinks, and transport from & from Portland to Reser stadium.

**Nonmembers:** OSU vs. WFU Tailgate with Transportation

Price: \$100.00

Nonmember Ticket - Prices includes admission to OSU vs. WFU game, food, drinks, and transport from & from Portland to Reser stadium.

**ASHRAE Member:** OSU vs. WFU Tailgate, No Transportation

Price: \$60.00

ASHRAE Member Ticket w/o Transportation - Prices includes admission to OSU vs. WFU game, food, drinks

**Nonmembers:** OSU vs. WFU Tailgate - No Transportation

Price: \$80.00

Nonmember Ticket w/o Transportation - Prices includes admission to OSU vs. WFU game, food, and drinks.

Interested in sponsoring the OSU tailgate event? Contact our YEA Committee Chair, Logan Moldenhauer, at [logan.moldenhauer@trane.com](mailto:logan.moldenhauer@trane.com).

Hope to see you there!



# RESEARCH PROMOTION EVENT: CLAY SHOOTING COMPETITION

ASHRAE Oregon Chapter



RESEARCH PROMOTION PRESENTS

# CLAY SHOOTING COMPETITION

Ready,  
Aim,  
Fire!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Think you've  
got the best  
shot?

- Proceeds benefit ASHRAE Research!
- Prizes for Top Shooters!
- Food & Drinks Available

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OPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

Prove it at our  
Clay Shooting  
Competition!

Keep on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks. Reach out to our RP Committee for more information

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA)



Logan Moldenhauer  
YEA Chair



Rosie Welch  
Region XI YEA RVC

## YEA/Student Activities Tailgate at OSU! October 11, 2025

The ASHRAE Oregon Chapter, Young Engineers in ASHRAE (YEA) and ASHRAE Student Activities will be hosting an OSU tailgate on October 11<sup>th</sup> at Reser Stadium.

We are kindly asking for company-sponsored donations to help support the cost of throwing the event. This event will be well attended by OSU students and will serve as a great way for future engineers to connect with professionals in the HVAC industry.

We are hoping to raise \$1,500 to help cover the cost of the event. Any amount towards this goal is welcome and will help us to increase student involvement in our chapter. All sponsors will be recognized at the event for their generosity during registration and at the event.

## DEI

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



Hamed Shahrokhian  
DEI Chair



Madeline Giovagnoli  
Women in ASHRAE



## 2026 Women in ASHRAE Leadership Symposium

Omni Los Angeles | Los Angeles, CA

April 13-14, 2026

SAVE THE DATE!

Registration opens on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. After a sold-out debut, the Women in ASHRAE Leadership Symposium returns—bigger, bolder, and more empowering than ever! Join us for two full days of connection, inspiration, and leadership growth with women from across the HVACR industry—from students and early-career professionals to seasoned veterans. This isn't just for engineers—it's for every woman making an impact on the built environment. Whether you're here to build your network, develop your leadership skills, or cheer on the next generation through the Young Women in ASHRAE EmpowerHERment Award competition—YOU BELONG HERE!

## Membership Promotion



Victoria Ericksen  
Membership Promotion Chair

## Welcome New Members!!

We'd like to welcome four new members who joined this past month!

**Gal Cohen**  
**Amos Hunter**  
**Adam Jakobsen**  
**Peter Ekstrom**

# HISTORY CORNER

## HISTORY



Kevin Marple  
Chapter Historian

## Leadership Recall: Douglas Wayne Dunford

I recently had the pleasure of interviewing Doug Dunford, past President of the ASHRAE Oregon Chapter and former DRC for Region XI. Doug has been an ASHRAE member since 1981, and during our conversation, he reflected on some of his early involvement and most memorable experiences. He recalled the always-popular ASHRAE Ski Trips to Mt. Hood, as well as the annual Golf and Tennis Tournaments. (Yes—there really were options for the non-golfers back then!) Who knows—maybe Pickleball will be the next tradition in the years ahead.

*I was born on May 25, 1940, at Good Samaritan Hospital in southeast Portland, Oregon. I was the youngest of two boys. My mother had emigrated from Norway as a child, bringing with her a love of family and tradition, while my father's family roots stretched back to England. Together, they gave me a strong sense of where I came from and the importance of hard work and curiosity.*

*Growing up in Portland, I attended Richmond Grade School. My time there was shaped as much by the classroom as it was by the Boy Scouts. Scouting became a big part of my life, and eventually I earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Those years sparked my fascination with building and discovery. I can still remember one project in particular—harnessing power from a nearby stream to light our summer camp cooking area. It was the first time I realized how much satisfaction there is in creating energy and making something work with your own hands.*

*I went on to graduate from Franklin High School and later continued my education at Clark College before earning my degree from Portland State University in 1979. Between those years, I served with the Oregon Air National Guard, 142nd Fighter Group. It was a time that taught me discipline, teamwork, and the value of service—lessons that carried into every stage of my life.*

*In 1966, I married my wife, Janet. We built a life together filled with love, purpose, and family. We raised three children—Julie, now a nurse in Portland; Brock, who works with Warn Automotive; and Darin, who lives in the San Diego area and works in the medical field. Our family has since grown to include four grandchildren, the youngest of whom is now a senior at La Costa Canyon High School in California. Watching them grow has been one of the greatest joys of my life.*

*My professional journey began in 1963 at NW Natural Gas, where I started as a draftsman in the Engineering Department. From there, I moved into Gas Control, managing the purchase and sale of natural gas throughout our service territory. During the oil embargoes of the late 1970s, I returned to Engineering to supervise weatherization crews, helping homeowners improve the efficiency of their natural gas systems at a time when energy was on everyone's mind.*

*The early 1990s brought one of the most challenging and rewarding chapters of my career. I was asked to lead the development of the natural gas vehicle market—a venture with little infrastructure and few precedents. We were essentially building the foundation from scratch, converting vehicles and establishing refueling stations. Through this work, I became a member of NFPA-52, where I helped create international codes and standards for compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquefied natural gas (LNG).*

*One of the highlights of this period was working with TriMet to develop the world's first dedicated LNG-powered bus. Over time, our efforts expanded to support natural gas fleets for the Port of Portland's airport buses, Salem's Cherrlots system, Waste Management trucks, and many others. We also completed Oregon's first public CNG refueling station in Hillsboro—something I still look back on with pride.*

# HISTORY CORNER

## Leadership Recall: Douglas Wayne Dunford (continued)

*My connection to ASHRAE began in the early 1980s, thanks to a colleague at NW Natural named Ken Meeker. Ken encouraged me to attend a meeting and introduced me to many wonderful people, including Elizabeth and Cliff Parke. Before long, Elizabeth had recruited me to the Research Promotion Committee, which launched my deeper involvement in the Oregon Chapter.*

*That journey eventually led me to serve as Chapter President in 1993-1994. A few years later, in 1997, I became Region XI ARC and then served as Region XI Director and Regional Chair for the 2000-2003 Society Years. Those roles opened my eyes in ways I hadn't expected. I saw firsthand the global impact of ASHRAE and the extraordinary dedication of its members. It struck me just how unique this organization is—a community of volunteers from around the world, giving their time and expertise to create standards and guidelines that serve all of humanity.*

*Looking back, I feel grateful—for my family, for my career, and for the opportunities I've had to contribute to both my community and my profession. If there's one thread that connects it all, it's the same lesson I first learned as a young scout tinkering with that stream-powered light: there is real joy in building something that lasts, especially when it makes life a little better for others.*

Happy  
Birthday!

## October Birthdays



Dale E Bowder  
Kenneth D Land  
Gary L Manchester  
James H Newman  
Gordon M Reistad  
Patrick L Walsh  
Paul T Schwer  
Lawrence G Hopkins  
C Mark Penrod  
John M Keller  
Janice C Peterson  
Devin A Abellon  
Jacob B Green  
Aleksandar Bozarcic

Brian M Butler  
Bing Liu  
Jared Doescher  
Tara L Wells  
Eduardo J Guerrero  
Mark A Willett  
Steve G Schual  
Conrad Brown  
McKendree Nelson  
Geoffrey Jenks  
Kenath Herrick Sponsel, III  
Eric Wesley McDaniel  
Kenneth Roko

Adam Buchholz  
Matthew J Tobolski  
Cory A Fulton  
Brian Barks  
Trevor Wigle  
Andrew James Flanagan  
Massine Merzouk  
Dorrie Matthews  
Nishith S. Shah  
Noe Contreras  
Jeff N Mounts  
Logan Bright  
Nora Knapp  
Scott Mills

**Happy Birthday Geoff!!**

# SOCIAL MEDIA

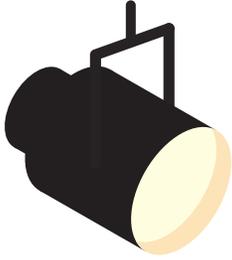


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# CHAPTER LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT



## SPOTLIGHT: Cassie Kuwahara

**Email:** *cassiek@acimechsales.com*

**Where do you work?** *ACI Mechanical & HVAC Sales*

**What do you do there?** *Engineering Sales*

**How long have you been in the industry?** *12 years*

**How long have you been an ASHRAE member?** *12 years*

**How long have you been an ASHRAE Volunteer?** *6 years*

**Do you have a favorite project you've been a part of?** *There isn't one project that comes to mind, but I enjoy the fact that I can work with engineers and contractors and such a variety of projects, and every project has its own challenges. Every day is different and every day I feel like I'm learning something new.*

**What is your role at ASHRAE?** *I'm the Chapter Vice President.*

**What other roles have you held?** *Chapter Treasurer, Chapter YEA Committee, Chapter Auditing Committee*

**Why do you volunteer for ASHRAE?** *To be honest, I started to try and form closer connections with engineers that I was starting to call on. But I've stayed volunteering because I've become passionate about our chapter and helping to build a chapter that our community wants to be a part of.*

**What's your favorite part of being involved in ASHRAE?** *The volunteers. A lot of the volunteers are sales rep from other companies, but I've truly bonded with the individuals and love getting to spend time with them as we brainstorm events and goals we want to achieve as a chapter.*

**Family?** *My wife and I have one son (Theodore - 2 years 8 months) and two dogs (Benson - 9yo and Braylee - 6yo).*

**What do you do for fun?** *Board Games - Everdell, Catan, Ticket to Ride, etc. We probably have more than 50 board games.*

**What are your favorite foods?** *Asian foods - Japanese, Korean, Thai, etc.*

**Where did you go on your last vacation?** *Disney World with my family!*

**What do you love most about living in Oregon?** *The coast! Being from Hawaii, I was always 15 mins from the ocean. So even if Oregon or Washington coastline is vastly different than Hawaii, something about hearing and seeing the water is calming and reminds me of Hawaii.*



# SOCIETY NEWS



**ASHRAE**<sup>®</sup>

**2026 ASHRAE WINTER CONFERENCE**

LAS VEGAS, JAN 31 - Feb 4, 2026 | AHR EXPO, FEB 2-4



**AHR**<sup>®</sup> **VEGAS** FEB 2-4  
2026

## Join Us in Las Vegas!

**Registration is Now Open!**

**Register today for the 2026 ASHRAE Winter Conference and AHR Expo taking place Jan. 31-Feb 4 in Las Vegas.**



Immerse yourself in a world of HVAC&R with 100+ technical sessions and 1700+ exhibitors at the AHR Expo.

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>> Check out the [registration page](#) to see what's available for in-person and on-demand registration options.